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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of
Rameriz-Vick et al.) Examiner: not yet assigned
For: **REVERSIBLE BINDING OF**
MOLECULES TO METAL
SUBSTRATES THROUGH
AFFINITY INTERACTIONS) Group Art Unit: not yet assigned
Serial No.: not yet assigned)
Filed: December 19, 2001)
Atty. Docket No.: 25527-0001 C1)

) **REQUEST FOR FILING A**
) **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**
) **UNDER 37 CFR §1.53(b)**

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/571,084, filed May 15, 2000, of Jaime E. Ramirez-Vick, for **REVERSIBLE BINDING OF MOLECULES TO METAL SUBSTRATES THROUGH AFFINITY INTERACTIONS**, which is incorporated herein in its entirety.

1. Enclosed is a true copy of the prior complete application as filed, including the specification (including claims), drawings, oath or declaration showing the signature or an indication it was signed, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application.
2. This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above. With respect to the prior copending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120, the inventor(s) in this application is (are):

- the same as those named in the prior application.
- less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:
3. The filing fees are to be calculated on the claims as filed in the prior application and the claims remaining as a result of the:
- amendment below;
- attached Preliminary Amendment.

Description	Fee Code	Claims	Extra	Rate	Fee
Basic Filing Fee	201				\$ 370
Independent Claims	202	0 - 3=	x	\$42=	\$ 00
Total Claims	203	0 -20=	x	\$9=	\$ 00

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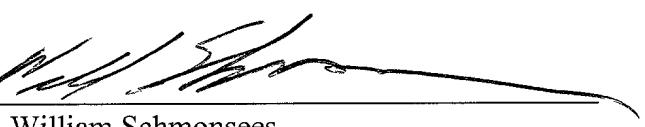
4. Payment of Filing Fees:
- Payment of the filing fee is deferred.
5. Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line, -- This is a continuation of pending prior application Serial No. 09/571,084, filed May 15, 2000 --.
6. The power of attorney in the prior application is to: **William Schmonsees**.
- The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- A Power of Attorney and Revocation of Prior Powers is enclosed.
7. Please address all future correspondence to:

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8. Documents enclosed:

- Copy of prior complete application as filed (including the signed Declaration and Power of Attorney);
- Information Disclosure Statement
- Petition for an extension of time (3 months) under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to reply to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2001 in parent application Serial No. 09/571,084, filed May 15, 2001.;
- 1 Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

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